

Cuba has accepted the Platt amendment.

Emporia, Kansas, has an epidemic of suicides.

Dr. McL. Dancy has retired from the race for mayor of Jacksonville.

If you want neat, artistic, up-to-date job printing call at the Ocala Banner job rooms or send in your orders.

The Easterlings, cantaloupe kings, will ship twelve carloads of this fruit this week, and shipped a carload of watermelons yesterday.

Hon. W. J. Chambers has returned to his home at Orange Lake from a visit to Alabama. He was accompanied by his wife and baby.

Senator Talliaferro has appointed Henry C. Bergin, of McIntosh, to a cadetship at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Railroad restaurant makes special rates to weekly boarders.

The misprinted new Pan-American two-cent postage stamp is selling for \$30. Look out for them. The engine in the center is printed up-side down.

E. W. Davis, who is assisting state solicitor Carter, is the recipient of many encomiums for the splendid manner in which he is discharging his duties.

On last Sunday Rev. W. J. Williams, pastor of the Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon, which was accepted by the deacons. It is not known who will be his successor.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50 cents.

Editor Harris, of the Ocala Banner, is ready, single-handed, to meet other editors—in defense of the insanity divorce law—singly or in platoons, regiments or brigades.—St. Petersburg Times.

Governor W. J. Samford, of Alabama, is dead. He is succeeded by W. D. Jelks. The new governor is a brother of R. C. Jelks, formerly of this city, and a stepson of Maj. R. G. Wright, of Oxford.

The Railroad Restaurant feeds the hungry and gives rest to the weary.

Mr. C. J. Jewell has purchased the green grocery establishment, near the market, from Shaddy Nash, the young Syrian merchant, who will return to his old country. Mr. Jewell has also opened an ice cream parlor in the Montezuma block.

The Best Prescription for Malaria. Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 20c.

Messrs. R. O. Stevens and J. L. Johns, of Homosassa, were arrested by U. S. Marshal D. E. Peacock and were up before U. S. Commissioner D. S. Williams Thursday, charged with violating the U. S. internal revenue laws. They were discharged.

Hardly a day passes, in families where there are children, in which Ballard's Snow Liniment is not needed. It quickly cures cuts, wounds, bruises, burns and scalds. Price 25 and 50 cents. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

Mr. Marcellus E. Foster, editor of the Houston (Tex.) Post, delivered an address before the Texas Press Association recently in which he took occasion, among other things, to say:

"We have a certain character of journalism in this day which is conscienceless, sensational and disreputable, and to which nothing is sacred. We have also some representatives of the old periodical journalism left."

Mr. Foster must have been reading some of the newspapers printed at Tampa, Seabreeze, Palm and West Palm Beach.

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The Plant System will sell round trip tickets to Old Point Comfort at one fare on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with return limit eight days from date of sale. By depositing ticket with joint agent at hotel Chamberlain, prior to June 9th, an extension of final limit to June 15th, will be granted. Quick schedules. Excellent service. See ticket agent, W. B. Wrenn, Passenger Manager.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

Martin, the New Throne of Cantaloupe Kings.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

Some years ago when Martin was laid out and named after the founder, Col. John M. Martin, of Ocala, it gave promise of growing to be the second place in size in Marion county. This was so because the fertile and famous Sugar Hammock is just to the east of the town. Other famous hammocks are west and north. Sugar Hammock is probably the most extensive in the state, and if the freeze had not disheartened and ruined orange growers in this section, in all probability by now enough oranges would have been produced from this hammock alone to have made many millionaires. Land was in great demand at that time—seventy-five and one hundred dollars an acre as it stood then, a virgin forest.

The Fessenden and the Weatherbee groves were examples of what the people would soon have accomplished. The freezes well nigh ruined all, labor was demoralized, and the entrepreneur class was disheartened. People who had scarcely known any business but orange culture were left without a thing to do and with no knowledge of farming for a living.

Since that time the rallying from the disaster has been wonderful. Martin is now one of the best farming sections to be found in the state. Broad acres of cotton, melon farms, corn fields, cane "patches" and great fields of cantaloupes and other vegetables show that the people have learned to live without receiving the blessings of the "golden fruit."

Last year one of the thrifty farmers of this section took a prize for raising the best bale of cotton produced in the county. Now come Easterling Bros., with the finest cantaloupe crop that was ever before had in the state of Florida. They have about four hundred acres here, including one hundred and ninety acres bought of J. B. Malloy Monday.

This firm is busy packing the fruit for northern markets and has transformed the little, once quiet hamlet, into a "beehive."

Easterling Bros., are the largest cantaloupe growers in the world. They have in that one fruit over a thousand acres, scattered about in four states, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

They do this that they may control the markets. In this way they avoid any great slump and ship throughout the season.

They employ experts in the business of raising and caring for the crop which they have made a specialty. They also employ a large host of common laborers. They have now a fine packer from New York, A. D. S. Grimley. Mr. Grimley has the largest grape packing house east of California. At Hammondsport he employs over one hundred and fifty persons during the grape season, packing Catawbas, Concord and Delaware varieties. He is teaching a large force the art of packing.

The Easterling Bros. also have over five hundred acres of watermelons in Florida and in Georgia.

They will ship from two to twelve cars of cantaloupes a day from here until the season is over. They already have taken the banner for shipping the first car load of cantaloupes from this section. Already a carload is going out each day.

The senior member of the firm of the Lyon Brothers is here and is buying heavily from the Easterlings. He is paying fancy prices and is superintending the packing of his own purchases. He has houses in Pittsburg, New York and other northern cities.

J. R. Easterling, the business manager of the firm, said it was probable that the firm would concentrate its Florida cantaloupe business here at Martin, and if so the acreage would be fully as many as one thousand. All shipments will be made by Swift's Fast Refrigerator Car Line.

C. S. Robertson, superintendent of the company, is here, and has perfected arrangements for the carrying of the whole crop. He will also handle the large crops at Lowell, Reddick, Evinston and other places.

The Florida Supply Co., of Jacksonville, is here at work getting out the hard wood in Sugar Hammock. This company has a large number of teams, and usually has from fifty to one hundred men at work.

Laborers are in great demand and no person need be idle that is willing to work for reasonable wages.

Meffert's saw mill has received a big order for orange boxes from the southern part of the state.

Miss Nora Knoblock has returned from Macon where she has been attending college. She will return in the fall.

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M. Mathews, all well known in this county, have responsible positions with the Fla. Supply Co.

There is not a vacant house in the town. Tents have been pressed into service.

The hard wood people will be here for three or four months.

The probability is that the station will become the greatest cantaloupe market in the state. This will bring more capital and more people here.

Herbert Baxter has taken up two horses. The owner can have the same by conferring with Mr. Baxter.

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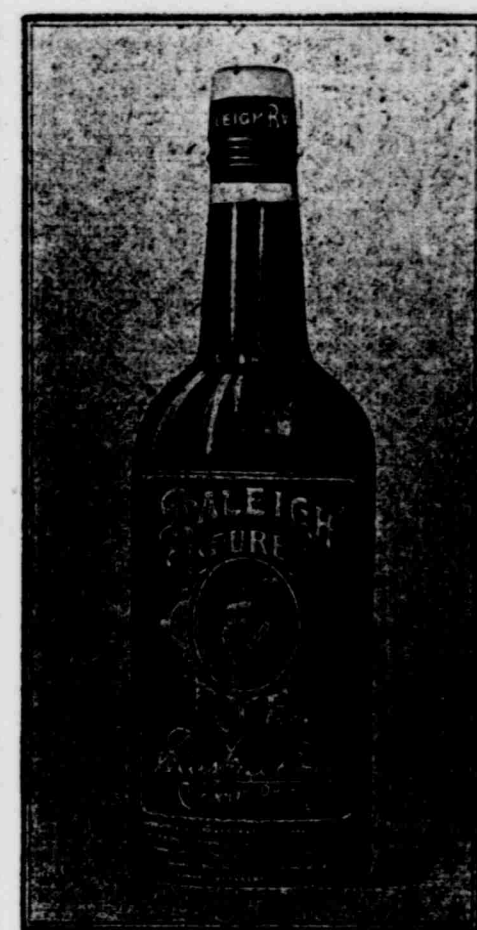
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